

POPULAR MEN IN TOWN.

FAMILIAR FACES OF THE NATION AT THE BIG HOTELS.

Many Generals, Colonels and Majors have attended the National Convention—Merrill Halstead on "The Row."

Edwin O. Eshelby of Cincinnati came yesterday for a conference with both Ben Butterworth, Mr. Eshelby wants to be postmaster at Cincinnati, and he knows of no better man to give advice about it than his Congressman, especially as Mr. Butterworth is very friendly with Senator Sherman. By following out the rule of his Administration President Harrison will allow the Congressmen to name the postmaster. It happens, however, that Cincinnati comprises two Congressional districts, and the new member from the second district, Hon. John A. Caldwell, may have a word to say about Mr. Eshelby's appointment. Mr. Eshelby began life as a telegraph operator and is an Adonis. He has been City Comptroller of Cincinnati for nine years, but at the dictation of the new Republican members in Cincinnati he was defeated for reappointment.

Inspector-General Crump of Kentucky is a conspicuous figure among the military delegates. His home is at Bowling Green, but he is temporarily at the State capital, Frankfort, referring to Governor Buckner, General Crump said:

"He is a popular Governor, and you should see the splendid 3-year-old boy, Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. He promises to be as big as his father, and his mother is one of the handsomest and most accomplished women in Kentucky."

General Crump is a Virginian by birth, and while East will visit the scenes of his childhood. He was not enough to fight when war was begun, but he straightens up his start when Kentucky form when the subject is mentioned and wishes that the Lord had given him breath a few years earlier. General Crump would have been on the side of slavery, however, and the well liked he may be among the Northern delegates here for the convention.

St. Louis men say that the Hon. John J. O'Neill will be sent back to Congress this year as a reward for the perpetual smile and continuous good humor which has been with him ever since the World's Fair committee headquarters at Willard's. The Republicans do not expect to carry the three St. Louis districts again.

When Captain O. H. Ross came into the Ebbitt last night some one remarked "That man looks like Grant."

"Well, he ought to," was the reply. "He is Grant's first cousin."

Captain Ross is now a Department employe, but during the war was on General Grant's staff. Then he came here, and has never been disturbed by political changes. He still votes in Bethel, Ohio, where the old Grant home, and a few miles from the great soldier's birthplace.

Almost everyone about the hotels has a title, especially since the Military Convention began. If some one would walk into the Ebbitt lobby and call out "General" or "Colonel" in a loud voice, nearly every man in the hotel would respond and jump to his feet with his hand to his hat, making a salute. General Morton L. Hawkins of Ohio is the most Adjutant General of the State, and is still the correspondent of a Cincinnati paper. He is a soldier for a general in contrast with the massive form of his predecessor, General H. A. Axline. General Hawkins was sheriff during the Cincinnati riots, in which nearly 100 people were killed, and when the sheriff held the jail against the mob until State troops were hurried into the city for his relief. All this trouble was caused by the refusal of duty to come to a boy named Berner and let him off with a manslaughter sentence. The man who achieved this losing legal triumph was Colonel S. C. Campbell, a sturdy, industrious State lawyer, who had a more glorious day of the affair than he wanted. He is here now, a witness in the ballot-box forgery case, and while a Republican at heart, he is a very bitter partisan.

When the talk of titles was brought up last night Colonel Campbell said: "I got my title very easily, although I was a captain in the 42nd, but the Colonel was given me by Editor Halstead. He used it first and every one took it up. I don't lay claim to it. Since I opened an office in New York my legal associates have called me 'Judge.' That is too much, and I prefer the 'Colonel.'"

General Axline, who is also a delegate to the Military Convention, is a lawyer of Zanesville, Ohio, but now that he is out of office, will practice law in Columbus. He is young yet and physically handsome, with a continued admiration for the South, and whom he was at college in Delaware, and where both won their wives.

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ating money for the establishment of an observatory on Sugar Loaf Mountain, the highest point for scientific work on the Mississippi between its source and the New Orleans jetties. They claim to have the hearty endorsement of the Minnesota, as well as the Wisconsin and Iowa delegations. In their project. There is nothing small about Jim Tawney either, for he aspires to Mark H. Bunker's seat in the Congress, and the chances are said to be in his favor. Mr. Harris, by the way, has a very kindly feeling for THE CRITIC, is a brother of "O. K." Harris, who served this paper very faithfully for years and who died in the harness.

Judge Louis Houser of Cincinnati, with Colonel Frank Lumsden and Mr. George Campbell, are in town. They are all eminent Republican politicians.

Editor Merritt Halstead's handsome face was seen among the correspondents of newspaper Row last night. His hair has whitened considerably of late, but his face has its usual healthy look, and his natural urbanity is as pleasing as ever, says one who has a habit of referring to him as "the interviewer" to the columns of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.

Mr. Halstead has always been a friend of Secretary Blaine, and was with him in Europe during 1888.

The Adonis of Ohio Democrats, Hon. James E. Neal, will be here today. Governor Campbell is expected for him to appear as a witness in the ballot-box investigation. Of this matter Colonel Neal ought to know a great deal, as he was chairman of the Democratic State Committee during the campaign which made Campbell Governor of Ohio.

Hon. Amos Glover of Ohio and Dakota is here on business with the General Land Office. He is a politician, referred to during the famous 1900 Convention in 1880 at Chicago as the "obstinate Glover" because he persisted in voting for Edmunds, even when Ohio fell into the Garfield torrent.

Hon. Columbus Delano, ex-Secretary of the Interior and president of the National Association of Wool Growers, is here again to watch Chairman McKinley and the Ways and Means Committee.

General William D. Whipple, U. S. A., of New York, General John H. W. A. of Franklin, Pa.; Colonel John B. Shonier and Major J. P. S. Gobin of Lebanon, Pa., with a small regiment of other militia officers, are at the Ebbitt.

Lecturer John H. Stoddard of Boston is at the Arlington.

Hon. A. W. Campbell of Wheeling, W. Va., is in town, and has something of importance on hand, although he is politically discredited about it. He is one of the eminent men of his section, a politician and has a great and valuable acquaintance with public men.

Mr. Daniel W. Flisk, the editor of the Helena (Mont.) Evening Herald and his wife, who is niece of Secretary Blaine, attended the funeral of Mrs. Coppinger in this city yesterday.

Among the eminent soldiers attending the Military Convention is General D. H. Hastings of Bellefonte, Pa., Adjutant-General of his State, and in a physical and facial way the ideal soldier. He wants to be Governor of Pennsylvania, and is happy to know that many of his Pennsylvania people have the same wish. He is not a man of any faction, but has at least the friendship of Senator Quay, who dictates all appointments, nominations and removals in Pennsylvania. General Hastings arrived at the Ebbitt last night and was cordially greeted by his friends from all parts of the Union. He is the man who made his reputation at Chicago, as he put Senator John Sherman in nomination. As commander of the militia at Johnston after the great disaster, he also made himself a hero.

Excursion to New Orleans. For the benefit of those desiring to attend the annual Seeger festival and the Mardi-Gras festivities February 13, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will sell excursion tickets to New Orleans and return at a rate of \$27.50 for the round trip. Tickets will be sold for all trains February 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, and will be valid for return passage until March 1, 1890. For information in detail call at B. O. ticket offices, No. 1 and 157 Pennsylvania avenue or at depot, corner of New Jersey avenue and C street.

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Burial Permits. The following burial permits have been issued by the Health Department during the last forty-eight hours:

Delinda E. Tracy, 60 years; Mary F. Tracy, 94 years; John C. Hogan, 50 years; Lucinda Trimble, 51 years; Catherine A. Bransell, 21 years; Florence A. Ockerhausen, 2 years; Mary A. Moran, 66 years; George Moroney, 28 years; Mary E. Hamilton, 43 years; Jan Collins, 69 years; Josephine Morel, 28 years; Stella White, 9 months; Samuel T. Lorcumb, 59 years; Kate Kelroy, 40 years; Cordeau, Charles A. Roush, 4 years; Annie Fisher, 3 years; Mary Butler, 87 years.

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PLANETS IN FEBRUARY.

Star Gazers May Witness a Beautiful Sight To-Night.

The leading events of popular interest in the astronomical annals of February are the conjunction by Venus and Saturn of the role of evening stars. Both these occurrences take place on the 18th day of the month. The more interesting of these happenings will be that in which Saturn figures. In a technical sense Saturn has been a morning star since the middle of August, last year, although actually it has been in the field of view before midnight every night for several weeks past, rising earlier and earlier each evening.

On the 18th it is in the point of the firmament directly opposite the sun, rising in the east at the moment the sun goes down in the west, and remaining in view during the whole night. For a few days before and after the 18th Saturn will be in the brightest phase in which it will appear during 1890.

When Venus comes into view on the 18th of February it will be the appearance which has made in the evening sky for about nine months. At the end of April last year Venus set with the sun, and since that time it has been in the latterly side of the firmament during the morning hours, rising before the sun.

For several months past it has been steadily and rapidly drawing near the sun, and on the 18th of February it will be nearly in the same line. Venus motion being eastward, with respect to the sun, it may be seen in the closing days of the month low down on the western horizon at the evening sky. The latter part of March will come, however, before the planet is able to reach a position far enough east from the solar orb to become a prominent object in the evening sky. Venus will not be at its brightest stage, though, until the closing days of next October, and it will fill the role of the evening star until the first of November.

The conjunctions in which the month will figure in February are those with Saturn, Mars, Jupiter and Venus. The most interesting of these will be the one first named. This will occur on the 18th of the month. It is the only one which will be in plain view at any time during the evening hours, and it will be visible during nearly the whole night. The moon at that time will have just passed its full stage, and both moon and planet will come into view in the east soon after sunset.

The nearest approach to these bodies to each other will be made about three degrees south of the moon. The spectacle this evening will be well worth witnessing. About 8 o'clock, when the moon and planet come fairly into view, Saturn will be near the moon on the south, a though both will be in the eastern side of the firmament. In the easterly side of the sky the splendid constellation, Orion, with its brilliant stars Betelgeuse and Rigel, will be seen. Between these and Saturn the flaming Sirius, the brightest of all the "fixed stars," will be in view.

Higher above the horizon than Saturn, and nearer that orb, will shine the beautiful star Regulus, the brightest in the constellation of the Lion. Still higher than Regulus, and further to the southward, Procyon of the constellation of the Lesser Dog, and Castor and Pollux of the Twins will appear. In the northern side of the firmament, the Bear of the Pole Star and those of the Lady in Her Chair west of that luminary.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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